



Immanuel Church, Highters Heath - Sunday 13th November 2016

Welcome to this special service on Remembrance Sunday when we remember those who have died in all wars and conflicts. Our service today continues to mark the Centenary of the First World War.

**Order of Service**

Opening Hymn

Procession of wreaths and candles

Bible reading from 1 John chapter 4. Our service is one of remembrance and reconciliation and as part of this, the bible passage today will also be read in German.

Part 1 of the presentation followed by the 2nd hymn during which the collection will be taken.

Part 2 of the presentation

**Act of Commitment**

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?                   **All: We will**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?                   **All: We will**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?           **All: We will**

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love; May we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy, Through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer.

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The service continues at the back of the church when we will hold two minutes silence at 11:00am. Please note that the order of the final part of the service may be adjusted so that the Act of Remembrance can be held at 11am.

In 2014 we placed 100 crosses outside church as part of the First World War Centenary. As we move outside today, you will each be given one of these crosses. Take a look at them. They are now becoming weathered and worn. On many it is difficult to read the name or the poppy has begun to disintegrate. They reflect the sacrifice paid by so many. As you plant your cross remember with pride all who gave their lives in war, but particularly this year, those who died at the Battle of Jutland and on The Somme.

After the Laying of Poppy Wreaths and planting of wooden crosses we return to church for the final part of the service.

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## **BATTLE OF THE SOMME**

The Battle of the Somme was one of the defining events of the First World War, resulting in over one million casualties. 2016 marks the centenary of the battle.



### **REMEMBERING THE SOMME**

The Thiepval Memorial

### **Historical Information**

On 1 July 1916, supported by a French attack to the south, thirteen divisions of Commonwealth forces launched an offensive on a line from north of Gommecourt to Maricourt. Despite a preliminary bombardment lasting seven days, the German defences were barely touched and the attack met unexpectedly fierce resistance. Losses were catastrophic and with only minimal advances on the southern flank, the initial attack was a failure. In the following weeks, huge resources of manpower and equipment were deployed in an attempt to exploit the modest successes of the first day. However, the German Army resisted tenaciously and repeated attacks and counter attacks meant a major battle for every village, copse and farmhouse gained. At the end of September, Thiepval was finally captured. The village had been an original objective of 1 July. Attacks north and east continued throughout October and into November in increasingly difficult weather conditions. The Battle of the Somme finally ended on 18 November with the onset of winter.

The Thiepval Memorial, the Memorial to the Missing of the Somme, bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20 March 1918 and have no known grave. Over 90% of those commemorated died between July and November 1916. The memorial also serves as an Anglo-French Battle Memorial in recognition of the joint nature of the 1916 offensive and a small cemetery containing equal numbers of Commonwealth and French graves lies at the foot of the memorial.

The memorial, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, was built between 1928 and 1932 and unveiled by the Prince of Wales, in the presence of the President of France, on 1 August.

The dead of other Commonwealth countries, who died on the Somme and have no known graves, are commemorated on national memorials elsewhere.

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# IMMANUEL CHURCH, HIGHTERS HEATH

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Sunday 13th November 2016

Remembrance Sunday

Welcome to Immanuel - If you are new, you are especially welcome. If you have time, please join us for a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

Today 10.00 am  
Service for Remembrance Sunday

503	O Jesus I have promised
153	Eternal Father, strong to save
186	For the healing of the nations

### Prayer for the week

Show us, good Lord,  
the peace we should seek  
the peace we must give,  
the peace we can keep,  
the peace we must forgo,  
and the peace you have given  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Set Readings for today: Malachi 4.1-2a  
2 Thessalonians 3.6-13  
Gospel: Luke 21.5-19

### Thought for the week

Forgive us, our pride and divisions, help us to work for a better understanding of one another.

Services next Sunday: 20th November  
10.00 am Holy Communion  
Set Readings: Jeremiah 23.1-6  
Colossians 1.11-20  
Gospel: Luke 23.33-43

### A Prayer for Birmingham's Week of Kindness

(13-20 November 2016)

Loving and Generous God,  
Your Son, Jesus Christ, transformed water into wine,  
In the power of your Holy Spirit,  
Transform our lives and pour out your grace on the  
places we live,  
Multiply our acts of kindness,  
Open our minds to learn from our neighbour,  
Refocus our eyes to see you in the stranger,  
Strengthen our wills to serve you,  
And fill our hearts with love for you,  
We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

### Children's Corner

If you have small children, and they get a bit restless, please feel free to go with them and enjoy the children's corner at the back of church.



Toilets are in the church hall which is next to the car park.

### Our Team:

Revd Rebecca Clarke - Vicar 0121 430 7578 [revdrebecca@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:revdrebecca@hotmail.co.uk)

Revd Helen Glithero - Curate 07837 900403 [revdhelen@icloud.com](mailto:revdhelen@icloud.com)

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### Invitation to a baptism

On Sunday 27th November Lucy and Adam invite you to Joshua's baptism which will take place at 10am during our morning service.



To add to this special occasion, Lucy and Adam invite everyone to join them for cake in the church hall after the service.

### This week

Wednesday 16th November

9.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel  
11.00am Immanuel Tots in church

### New baptism books

At Joshua's baptism we will use our new baptism service books for the first time. The cost of printing the booklets has been donated by a family who had their children baptised at Immanuel by Reverend Rebecca.

We give thanks for this gift.

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**Please pray for those who are ill:**

- Rosemary Firth
- Adam
- Mark Shulz
- John Higgins
- Nigel Swinford
- Olive Carson
- Malcolm Summerhayes
- The Hough Family
- Aiden Sahota
- Elaine Summerhayes
- Freda Traylor
- Joseph Lockington
- Edna McFadyen
- Norma Billington
- Wendy Kirby
- Winston Hall
- Richard and Wendy Harding
- David Grimley
- Keith Wardby
- Sandra Wood
- Tony Martin
- Philip Armstrong
- Paul Spencer

Names on the pew sheet are continually prayed for. Alongside these prayers; everyone on the sick list, is prayed for on the first Wednesday of the month at the 9.30 am Holy Communion Service. Reverend Rebecca.

**Refreshments:**  
 Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee after this service. Everyone is welcome.



**Thank you**

Many thanks to everyone who has signed up to help with the tea and coffee after the service each. It is lovely that so many different people have helped to date or are planning to do so for the rest of the year - brilliant!



**Remembrance**

As part of our Remembrance events, on Friday 11th November, the children and staff from Hollywood School assembled on the grass at the front of church. A group of children read a poem, and after the 2 minutes silence two children read the famous words "They shall grow not old...." from the poem by Laurence Binyon. A further group of children then placed crosses by the World War 2 cross. On each small cross was the name of a someone from this area who had lost his life in World War 2.



**We will remember them.**

**Birmingham's Week of Kindness**

13-20 November 2016  
 There is a letter on the big notice board from Bishop David, The Bishop of Birmingham about Birmingham's Week of Kindness. Please take time to read the letter and whether you are able to do an act of kindness this week. The initiative is linked to the Love your Neighbour campaign. There is also a prayer elsewhere on this pew sheet which you might like to use.

**Christmas Raffle**

We are planning a Christmas raffle with the main prize being a hamper of seasonal items. If you would like to help with this we are asking for a donation with the suggested sum of £2 per family, or any amount you want to give which will be used to buy a variety of items. Please give your donation to Barbara Poulton.



In addition to the hamper there will also be two or three more prizes. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

Thank you for your support with this as all money raised will go to church funds.

**Notices for the pew sheet** should be emailed to: [Immanuelpewsheet@outlook.com](mailto:Immanuelpewsheet@outlook.com) or telephone Christine Johnson: 07970 854013.

The deadline for notices to be included in the pew sheet is 5.00 pm on the Thursday prior to the Sunday.



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